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Slum dwellers denied even meagre pension sums, caught in biometric tangle, unable to link Aadhaar cards to mobile numbers, and so on...

A ZERO-SUM GAME

Not-for-profit undertakes survey in seven wards

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> "I have no idea how to take care of myself. My pension has stopped for the last five months
>
> — Kalai Peru (75), Bakshi Garden slum, ward no. 139

The state government provides pensions to senior citizens, persons with disabilities and widows. If the pension, meagre as it were, is stopped, then these individuals have to struggle to sustain life.

A rapid survey across seven wards of Bengaluru revealed, out of 836 individuals living in slums dependent on pensions, 218 did not receive pensions and were struggling to make ends meet.

The survey conducted by Action Aid India was carried out in Sudama nagar, Cottonpet, Padarayanapura, JJR Nagar, Chalavadi Palya, City Market and Gali Anjaneya. The volunteers from Action Aid visited the wards, met slum dwellers and inquired about their pensions. The surveyors found that some of the persons hadn't received pensions. The amount set for the category of senior citizens and widows is between Rs 800-1,200; despite the small sum provided, citizens are still not getting the pension on time, the study revealed.

Nandini from the Action Aid team pointed out that most of the slum dwellers have not applied for the pension as their biometric had not been matching or they are finding it difficult to link the Aadhaar cards to their mobile phone numbers.

"As many did not even have cell phones, they could not provide the OTP sent to link the Aadhaar card. The Aadhaar card has to be linked to the bank account that can receive the pension. Some who have phones or have changed their numbers, do not remember the old mobile numbers they were using to link the card. Apart from this, individuals whose pension sums were on hold for four to five months are only getting the current month's pension after the formalities. Legally the whole amount should be released. Another problem is that the state government is asking all the pension holders to produce pan cards. Not everyone has one," said Nandini.

"I have four children; all of them are married. Nobody is taking care of me. I used to get a Rs 800 pension and would manage food and medicines for blood pressure with the sum. But now my pension has been halted for five months;

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Traffic chaos, prolonged

Yelahanka flyover now expected to be completed only by December 2023

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Commuters to Yelahanka will now have to wait longer for any likely relief in vehicular traffic movement. According to the road infrastructure department of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP), work on the Yelahanka flyover is delayed. The project is now expected to be over only by December 2023.

Work on the much-awaited four-lane flyover started in January 2022 and the detailed project report had then suggested that the flyover will be completed in 18 months. The civic body had also announced that it will be finishing the construction ahead of its original deadline.

However, senior officials from the department said that a delay of at least six months is inevitable.

"The flyover will now be ready by December 31, 2023. We are planning to inaugurate it for the commuters on January 1, 2024. We have been trying to finish the project at a fast pace, but certain

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1 THINGS TO DO

01 Grab your seat

Directed by B Jayashree, Sadarame narrates the story of a beautiful girl who comes from a middle class background and ends up marrying Prince Jayaveera who loves her. After this the trouble starts increasing in their life. The two-hour lovely play in Kannada offers its audience the portrayal of challenges that the character faces and overcomes through her intelligence. **Where: Ranga Shankara When: March 24 and 25**

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Coordinators demonstrate EVM with VVPAT M3, in an awareness programme ahead of Assembly election in Bengaluru on Saturday

Holi: Splash colours out of harm's way

City dermatologists caution about chemicals used in Holi colours that can trigger allergies in individuals with sensitive skin, suggest to do patch test

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The festival of colours is arriving on March 8 this year and a lot of people are excited to play with the Holi colours. As this festival looks exciting and is very colourful, it however has a dark side, wherein the Holi colours contain chemicals that can take a toll on the skin leading to allergies, irritation, and dermatitis.

Some of the popular colours of the Holi and their ingredients are: black that contains lead oxide, green includes copper sulfate, malachite green and silver contain aluminum bromide, blue contains Prussian blue, and red has mercury sulfate.

According to dermatologists, every year, after the festive season many patients come in with skin problems that they face like allergies, photosensitive reactions, and sunburn due to harmful colours and irritation due to long hours of sun and chemical damage.

They say that for patients with eczema it is highly recommended to avoid the use of Holi.

"Application of allergens can worsen eczema and cause oozing and burning with redness in those with sensitive areas of skin. Children with atopic dermatitis or childhood eczema need to be especially careful. Even Acne can worsen with the rough application of harsh colours," said Dr Anil Abraham, consultant dermatologist, Abrahams Skin and Hair Clinic.

Sometimes mica is also added to give a sparkle to Holi colours and that can mechanically irritate the skin, he added.

Other dermatologists suggested a patch test for people suffering with eczema.

According to Dr Shireen Furtado, consultant – Medical & Cosmetic Dermatology, Aster CMI Hospital, for patients of eczema who want to enjoy playing colours, preferably should do a patch test in the inner aspect of the forearm the previous day to rule out the possibility of an allergic contact dermatitis to the colour.

"Do this despite the packaging claiming to be organic/natural. People with sensitive skin are more prone to have adverse effects that can cause redness, irritation or breakouts. If someone is experiencing skin allergies, having irritation or some other skin infections, it is recommended to see a dermatologist rather than trying to treat it on your own at home," she said.

Based on your skin types, a skin expert will be able to analyse your skin condition and suggest treatment, she added.

Dermatologists say that sometimes mica is also added to give a sparkle to colours which can can irritate the skin

Pre-Holi skincare tips to minimise skin damage

- Use a thick hydrating cream and ensure that the skin is well-hydrated
- On the body apply light oil like almond oil. It contains vitamin E and provides nourishment to the skin
- Apply waterproof sunscreen which will help prevent skin damage from heat, the sun and colours
- Stay Hydrated
- Avoid too much of makeup

Post-Holi skincare

- Gently massage skin with light oil to take off the colour and wash off with a mild cleanser
- A quick luke warm water bath to wash off the colour easily
- Avoid scrubbing as it may dry out the skin and make it itchy and uneven
- Seal the skin with a hydrating moisturiser soon after bath
- Seek help from an expert in case the skin is reacting adversely

Bribe case: Congress leaders detained

BJP, Congress trade barbs over official's bribe scandal

Congress leaders, including Opposition leader Siddaramaiah, were detained while attempting to lay siege to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's residence in Bengaluru on Saturday.

State in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala and State President DK Shivakumar were also among those detained.

The Congress staged a protest demanding resignation of CM Basavaraj Bommai in connection with Lokayukta trap case in which BJP MLA Madal Virupakshappa and his son Prashanth Madal, a top government official, have been named as the prime accused.

Prashanth was caught redhanded by Lokayukta while accepting Rs 40 lakh as bribe. Later, Rs 6 crore was seized by authorities at their residences.

The police stopped the Congress leaders soon after they started a protest march from the party headquarters towards the CM's residence.

"When we alleged corruption, the government asked us to provide evidence. They then defend themselves by pointing fingers at the previous government," Opposition leader Siddaramaiah said.

Opposition leader and former CM Siddaramaiah being detained with others during their protest against a BJP MLA and his son arrested for taking a bribe

No interference

Former Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Saturday said the state's BJP government will not protect the accused party MLA and his son who was caught taking a bribe.

Meanwhile, Lokayukta sources explained that they are preparing to arrest Channagiri constituency MLA Madal Virupakshappa.

Virupakshappa has been made prime accused in the case. Prashanth Madal has been sent to 14-days judicial custody. Virupakshappa, who was the Chairman of the Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL), has resigned from the post and denied any involvement. **-IANS**

Health inspector arrested over corruption charges

The Lokayukta police have arrested a health inspector in Bengaluru for allegedly demanding a bribe, days after they raided the house of a BJP MLA and his son for corruption.

According to sources, a person had applied for the renewal of a spa license. But Health Inspector Ramaiah in CV Raman Nagar's BBMP office demanded a bribe of Rs 20,000. The spa owner filed a complaint with the Lokayukta office about the demand for bribes.

Accordingly, the Lokayukta police raided the CV Raman Nagar BBMP office and arrested Ramaiah when he was taking Rs 18,000 out of Rs 20,000. Currently, Lokayukta Police, who have taken Health Inspector Ramaiah into custody, have started an investigation and registered a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act. **-BMB**

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Woes as high as taxes in Mahadevapura zone

₹813.43 crore has been paid as property tax in this zone; locals question 'development'

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File photo of a flooded Belur Ambedkar village in Bellandur Ward, Mahadevapura constituency; a senior BBMP official said that the civic body's tax collection procedure needs to be revamped completely

Mahadevapura has turned out to be the highest tax paying zone of Bengaluru once again. This is despite residents of the area continuously citing extreme neglect in terms of basic infrastructure. With the last month of the financial year in progress, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has so far collected Rs 3,118.81 crore in the form of property tax.

The maximum contribution is from the Mahadevapura zone, where a record Rs 813.43 crore has been paid as property tax. Bengaluru East is the second highest tax paying zone (Rs 563.16 crore), followed by South (Rs 465.07 crore). Dasarahalli is the only zone (Rs 93.2 crore) where the tax collection has not even touched Rs 100 crore. "It is ironic that the tax amount is increasing year after year. However, the infrastructure is becoming worse. This calls for a detailed action by the civic agency," said Dinesh R, a resident of AECS Layout.

Interestingly, this is the first year where the BBMP has netted the highest property tax in its kitty. In 2018-19, the civic agency could collect Rs 2,529 crore, in 2019-20 it collected Rs 2,659 crore, in 2020-21, Rs 2,860 crore, and in 2021-22, Rs 3,088 crore. The revenue officials of the agency said that by March 31, they are hopeful of collecting Rs 3,758 crore of property tax.

The civic body said that it expects to collect Rs 4,790 crore in the next financial year. A senior BBMP official, quoting the budget document, said, "The property tax collection procedure in BBMP needs to be completely revamped. Hence, we are now proposing to take up all self-assessment scheme (SAS) declarations by all major commercial buildings for a detailed verification during 2023-24. These SAS returns will be compared with corresponding documents of other state agencies by using required software.

This is expected to lead to a substantial increase in property tax collection. Rs 4,790 crore is expected to be collected in the year 2023-24 under property taxes, including cesses. Excluding cesses, which needs to be transferred to other institutions, the property tax collection target has been set at Rs 4,412 crore. This target is 27 per cent more than the amount proposed to be collected in the revised budget for 2022-23."

How did BBMP increase property tax revenue this year?

The budget document stated that in 2021-22, the collection was Rs 3,033 crore, and the same increased to Rs 3,758 crore in 2022-23. The increase in tax was responsible for plugging leakages and identifying revenue sources. "We had taken a project to identify owners who were paying commercial rates to BESCOM and other state agencies, but had declared residential property tax payments were undertaken. This has led to identifying 12,699 cases and an amount of Rs.134 crore has already been levied. We are expecting to levy another Rs. 250 crores of additional taxes on this account," read the budget document.

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Kaveri 2 your rescue: Register your house

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If you are planning to register your property or marriage, you could be spending longer than usual at the sub-registrar's office.

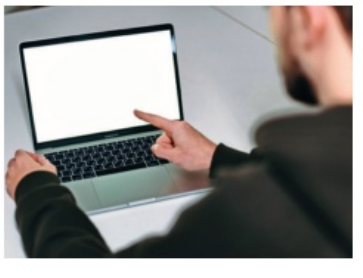
Many citizens complain that they need to take multiple leaves from work as the registration process gets delayed frequently. On many occasions, the servers are down, forcing people to revisit multiple times. However, the state government has now proposed to introduce a digi-locker and a facility to book slots from homes. This will allow most of the initial work to be done from the comfort of your residence.

Revenue Minister R Ashoka said that they will soon be introducing a new system where the registration process at the sub-registrar's office can be completed in less than 10 minutes.

"Under Kaveri 2, the applicants will have the provision to send documents to the sub-registrar's office. The officials will get back to the applicant in case of any discrepancies. If the documents are in the right format, the applicant can pay the requisite amount and book a slot for registration. According to the time slot allotted, the applicant can visit the office for giving thumb impressions or signing documents. This process will also reduce the data entry burden. We are working to issue EC and certificates via online mode. We have been hearing about scams related to demand drafts and challans. There have been instances where they have been sent to wrong people. To prevent this, we are now working on a mode where the money gets transferred from the applicant's bank account to the Revenue Department's account," he said.

One of the most common complaints is related to the server, he informed. This mode will also reduce crowding and prevent middlemen. They are in the process of converting the sub-registrar office into a passport office. All important documents like pahani, survey number, and khata will be available at the sub-registrar office itself, he said. The documents will most likely be saved in the digi-locker after registration. They are also launching a call centre (080-68265316). This process will reportedly be extended to all districts in a phased manner.

Prabhakar Reddy, a businessman, said, "The Revenue Department claims that it has piloted this



in Chincholi and it has worked well. However, going by the past, one has to take this new proposal with skepticism. Currently, we have to waste many hours just to get a document registered. There is a need to simplify the processes as this will cut down the need for middlemen. The department should start allowing payments to be made via UPI as well as most people don't use cash these days."

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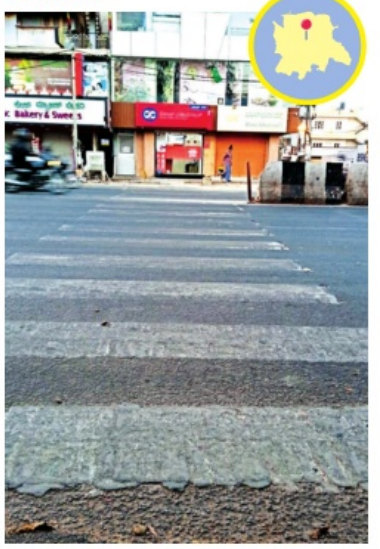

The zebra crossing near Yemalur, Marathahalli Junction is not clear.

Obstructions

Jayanagar

There are boards kept by a tea shop and jewellery shop owners on the road in 10th Main, Jayanagar 4th block near Sri Krishna Sevashrama hospital.

Complete the job

Chamarajpet

Chamarajpet, 2nd Cross Road, has been dug up for more than a month now and debris being collected is hazardous.

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A day of science, games & quizzes

Students and their parents peer at the various models and take part in interactive games and quizzes

Students of different ages and grades flock to annual science exhibition held by IISc

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Students of all ages from schools and colleges showed up on Saturday at Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, as it opened its doors for the annual Open Day 2023 for the first time after the pandemic.

These science enthusiasts and their parents indulged in various colourful science models, interactive games, quizzes, and informative slides and posters at the top science research institute in Bengaluru.

Saanvi Jain, a young science enthusiast currently studying in NPS Indiranagar, came to the exhibition straight from her CBSE Science board examination.

"Many students like to learn through science models more than the teachers explaining everything to them so it is a different experience. More than that, it also gives us an exposure to the life in IISc and other colleges to see how our future might look like," Saanvi Jain, 16, told Bangalore Mirror.

The parents added that instead of having one open day every year, the research institutes, colleges, and museums should organise more such field days for the students every three - four months.

"If you see in other countries, there are many such opportunities for the students and they are organised frequently on a regular basis... These help the children make up their minds about what subjects they want to take up in future," Sheetal Jain, Saanvi's father and an engineer at Intel added.

This was the first time that IISc organised an open day for the public post-pandemic.

For Shudhi, 7, it was the first science exhibition of her life. "At this age she cannot understand everything but we try to engage her in whatever she could," said Soundarya, Shudhi's mother.

"It would have been better if the models and games were divided as per the grade level. That way, there would have been better exposure for younger children," said Vinod, her father.

The exhibitions, demonstrations and interactive models were prepared by research scholars and faculty members at IISc.

> **Many students like to learn from science models instead of memorising what teachers explain**
>
> –Saanvi Jain, 16, a student

"This is my first open day at IISc and it has been very hectic. However, we got many responses from the visitors that will help us in our research as well," explained Najeeb, a second-year Ph.D scholar of Civil Engineering at IISc.

The students engaged in informative models and games ranging from brain science to sustainable transportation and technologies.

The faculty said that the turnout for the open day was good this year.

Smitha Karunakaran, Assistant Professor at Centre for Brain Research, IISc said that even though it is the first ever open day for their department which was opened in 2022, many people have turned up to see the exhibition.

Juliette appeals most in Indian Turf Invitation Cup

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Top filly Juliette in action

It promises to be Ladies Day Out on Super Sunday. The favourite Juliette, the Indian Derby winner Mirra, Kings Ransom, who finished a close second behind Mirra in Mumbai and La Reina, who landed the Derby riches in Bengaluru enjoying a definite edge against the seven top colts in the most prestigious race in the Indian racing calendar, the Indian Turf Invitation Cup.

The bade nawab of Hyderabad, Salento back at his parent-centre after dominating the classics at Malakpet and the blow-hot, blow-cold Supernatural from Mumbai, winner of the summer Derby at this centre, spearhead the colts challenge after the Kolkata main hope Imperial Power and no-hoper Kancha from Hyderabad chose to opt out, suffering minor setbacks in training. But the book of form and the wheel of fortune favour the classy fillies and Juliette from Karthik Ganapathy's yard, who emerged champ at Guindy last year is set to extend the Queen's rule in the mega event, which offers stakes amounting to one crore.

Juliette after winning both her starts in Mumbai, is on top of her game. Most old hats in the game fancy her to stand tall at the podium and the bookmakers too put her on top of their betting board. Her master Karthik Ganapathy disclosed that the `Queen' mare making her maiden appearance at this centre is enjoying the pleasant climatic conditions and is ready to produce another classic performance in her effort to wear the champion sash. Karthik pointed out that her stunning turn of foot, when the race comes on a boil, is what separates her from the rest.

The Pesi Shroff-schooled Kings Ransom, who went down fighting to the Bangalore raider Mirra from Arjun Manglorkar's yard at Mahalaxmi is one who could upset the applecart of the overwhelming even-money favourite considering that her pilot Pradeep Chouhan blotted his book, while failing to provide the desired support in her mission to win the most glamorous and the richest event in the Indian racing circuit.

The La Reina camp spurred by the success in the winter Derby on Republic Day are confident that the Padmanabhan ward to be ridden by leading pro Sandesh will test the best in what on cards promise to be an intense struggle for supremacy. Her trainer at the draw of lots ceremony on Thursday made it clear that La Reina had improved after her Derby success and she will make her presence felt at the finish.

BTC chairman Shivkumar Kheny disclosed that the club apart from providing a Rs 100 voucher with the entrance ticket costing Rs 300 has also added Rs two lakh to the jackpot pool on the big day. "Each member of my committee has played his part and that has helped provide style and substance to the carnival," said Kheny..

Hot tips for Invitation Day's races

1. Totalizator Cup (Div-ii) 1200M: Magellan 1, Only You 2, High Opinion 3.

2. Saddle Up Cup 1200M: Unyielding 1, Birchwood 2, Tifanny 3.

1. Foster's Million 1200M: Isnt She Beautiful 1, Polished Girl 2, Queen Spirit 3.

2. Sans Craintes Stud Juvenile Million 1200M: Synthesis 1, Art Gallery 2, Madam Rich 3.

3. Delhi Race Club Million 1800M: Silver Canyon 1, Stellar Gold 2, Dragon's Gold 3.

4. Dashmesh Stud Juvenile Million 1400M: Knotty Charmer 1, Del Pico 2, Invincible 3.

5. Suresh Mahindra Multi-Million Trophy 1400M: All Attractive 1, Imperial Blue 2, Sea Lion 3.

6. Maj.P.K.Mehra Memorial Super Mile Cup 1600M: Ahead Of My Time 1, Once You Go Black 2, Ravishing Form 3.

7. Royal Arion Club Indian Turf Invitation Cup 2400M: Juliette 1, King's Ransom 2, Mirra 3.

8. Japan Cup 1400M: Amreli 1, Crown Consort 2, Artemis Ignacia 3.

Day's Best: Isnt She Beautiful.

Be clear or pay up

Circular directs all private hospitals, clinics to clearly display price list for treatments offered, failing which they will have to face consequences

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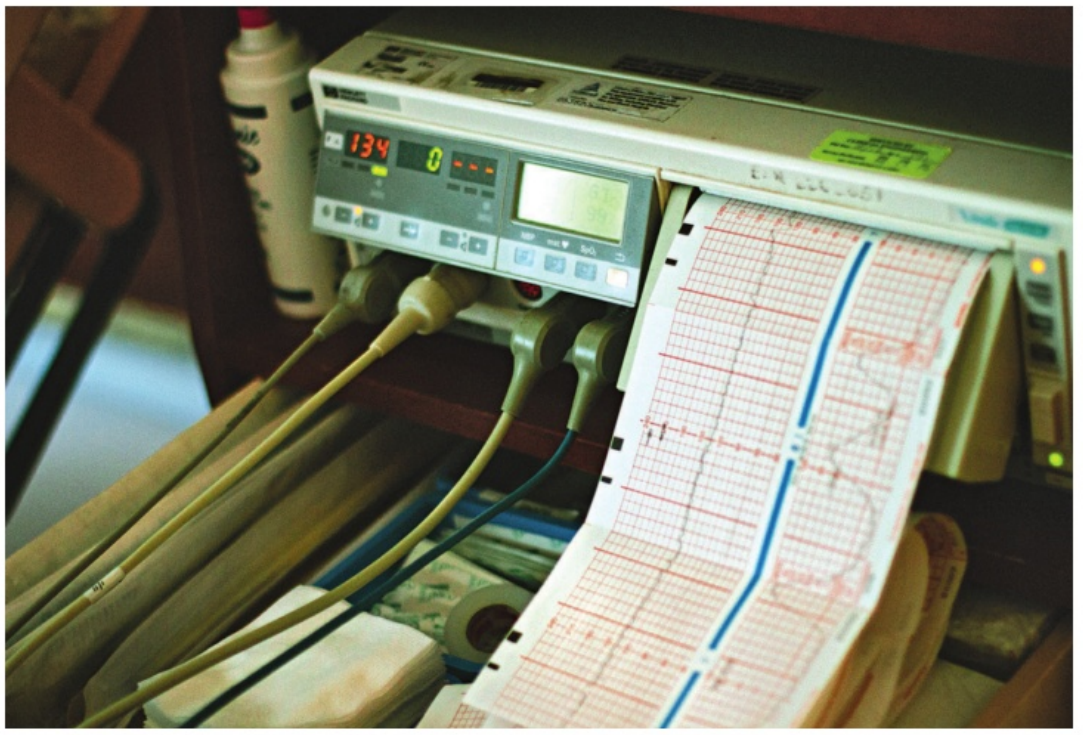
Health Commissioner D Ranadeep shot off a circular on March 1, asking every private hospital to prominently display the price list of treatments offered. Failure to comply can result in the public making complaints against them to the Health Department.

The circular states that all private medical establishments in Karnataka must mandatorily display their charges at a conspicuous place at the reception, duly visible in the hospital. Hospitals should also make available the schedule of charges in the form of booklets or brochures which should be readily available to the patients at the establishment at all times. "Complaints received from the public or patients on any reported violations in this regard will lead to statutory action by the district health authorities," the circular stated.

Although the Health Department had mandated such a move earlier, many hospitals continued to violate the order. The schedule of charges is applicable to all services such as OPD consultation, surgery, X-Ray, scanning, and other diagnostics services.

In the circular, Ranadeep said that it had come to the notice of the Commissionerate that not all private medical establishments were displaying the schedule of charges at a conspicuous place at the reception in their premises.

He said, "Many complaints have been received in this office from patients, their relatives, and even people's representatives. If it is noticed that the schedule of charges are not displayed in any hospitals/ clinics/laboratories during the inspection visit by the concerned officials, including DHO and other authorised officers of the Health and Family Welfare Services, action will be initiated."



Patients have been reporting that several private establishments do not display treatment costs

> **On many occasions, patients or family members get a shock upon seeing the treatment cost. If the cost is known in advance, they can take a call about the same** – Seethapathi R, citizen

In case of any complaint from a patient regarding overcharging, the registration and grievance redressal authority can impose a penalty equivalent to one-and-a-half times the overcharged amount.

This will be after holding an enquiry under sub section (3) of section 8 and giving the establishment an opportunity to be heard. An amount equal to the overcharged amount shall be paid to the patient and the balance shall be deposited with the Arogya Raksha Samithi of the district for taking up public health activities, he added.

The circular added that after holding an enquiry, if the authority finds that the violation has taken place for the third time within a calendar year, the authority can make a written complaint to the concerned court to take up cognizance of the offence and subsequent prosecution.

On conviction, the concerned private medical establishment could be liable for a penalty which may be extended to three times the amount overcharged or Rs 1 lakh (or whichever is higher).

Seethapathi R, a senior citizen, said, "There is a need for transparency in many hospitals.

As most of the time patients enter the hospital in an emergency, there is no way one can get to know about the cost of treatment until the bill arrives. On many occasions, the patients or family members get a shock upon seeing the treatment cost. If the cost is known in advance, the patient or family members can take a call on whether to continue with the same hospital or move to another one that charges less."

Infant dies after being run over

In a brutal accident that took place in North Bengaluru, a four or five-month-old baby who was thrown into a garbage heap died as a result of being run over by speeding vehicles. When a Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) lorry was loading garbage, the infant, shoved inside a plastic cover-up, fell on the road. Following this, speeding vehicles ran over the child, crushing her to death.

The horrifying incident took place in Pampa Layout and came to light after passers-by informed police about the matter. Bengaluru police have started an operation to trace the unknown persons who left the child there. The incident took place on February 28, but only came out in the open more recently. Commuters were unaware of a child being encased inside the plastic and several vehicles ran over it, leading to her death, police informed.

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Bike thief caught

Siddapura police have arrested a twenty-year-old man named Nitin for stealing bikes and selling them at a low price. A total of 12 two-wheelers, including a Honda Dio, a Pulsar, and RX bikes worth Rs 6 lakh have been seized from the accused. Many cases had already been registered against the accused who was stealing the bikes parked in front of houses and selling them at cheaper prices.

A total of 12 cases have been registered in Bengaluru's Siddapura, Kalasipalya, Varthur, Chandra Layout, and KS Layout.

Drug peddlers arrested

DJ Halli police have seized a huge quantity of marijuana in Bengaluru. According to the police, the drugs cost around Rs 2.4 crore.

The police conducted a raid near Eidgah ground on Tannery Road, as a result of which drugs were seized and two people were arrested. The accused have been identified as Fairoz Khan and Prasad.

"Police have seized the drugs and interrogated the accused. During interrogation, the accused gave the names of two other important drug peddlers," informed police. Police have formed special teams to trace the two other peddlers.

Policeman buys stolen car

An incident where a policeman bought a stolen car at an auction for a low price and did not provide any information about the same recently came to light in Bengaluru.

Two years ago, a person named Nagaraj had filed a complaint at the Gangamma Gudi Police Station about his car being stolen. After that, he often inquired about it.

Recently, the traffic department offered a 50 per cent discount on traffic fines imposed in February. Following this, Nagaraj, went to the website to check for potential violations made by his car and found that somebody was using it. Later, it was discovered that the car was with a police constable's wife.

–BMB

50% off on traffic fines until March 18 in Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka has ordered the Traffic Department to provide a 50 per cent discount on e-challan offences pending for vehicles. The owners of the vehicles can check pending violations on their vehicles and pay now by availing a 50 per cent discount on the total payable fine. The discount applies to cases which have been registered on or before February 11. The fine amount can be paid from March 4 and the last date to make the payment is March 18.

To view and pay for the pending offences, one must go through the official Karnataka State Police (KSP) application. Citizens will need to login to the Karnataka one/Bengaluru one website and enter the registration number of their vehicles, find out the fine amount, if any, and pay online on the same website using Paytm. One can pay the fine through the same app or alternatively visit the nearest traffic police station to check and pay the fine.

For clarifications, citizens can contact 080-22942883 or 080-2294338.

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State govt 'disappointed' over Foxconn statement

The BJP-led Karnataka government is "disappointed" over the media reports about Foxconn's statement denying any binding agreement for investment in India.

Sources in the Large and Medium Industries Ministry in Karnataka stated that they are "truly surprised with the development".

"The whole team of Foxconn, a major assembler of Apple iPhones, was in Bengaluru. The MoU was signed by the team and the team had also paid a visit to land near Bengaluru International Airport and expressed their interest," sources said.

On Saturday, Large and Medium Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani shared photographs taken with Foxconn CEO and Chairman Young Liu at the lounge of Bengaluru International Airport. Nirani was on the way to Belagavi to attend the Vijay Sankalp Yatra and Young Li Yu was waiting for a flight to Taiwan.

The ministry is tight lipped over the development and has not given any official reaction yet. "Officials have been directed not to give any statement to the media," sources added. – IANS

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A giant wood spider on its web in a coffee plantation in Coorg

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Please pick up the slack at Sadananda Nagar

Road dug up to carry out sewage work hasn't been repaired for days, leaving residents feeling like they are under house arrest

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As work is going on right outside some houses, residents of the area highly inconvenienced; road is a busy one that many use to get to airport also

The residents of Sadananda Nagar are facing problems using the road in the area after it was dug up by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for carrying out some sewage work.

The residents want the authorities to finish the work as soon as possible. Some of the residents said that they are not able to leave their residences.

"There was some water leaking from the sewage pipe. So to fix that the BBMP officials dug up a big hole right in front of the house. Now we don't know if they have finished the pipe work or not but the road has been left like that," a resident of the area informed anonymously.

"It feels like we are in house arrest. I am not able to come out of my house and no one else is being able to enter my house. They have dug up the road right in front of my house and the situation is getting worse," he added.

The road is a busy one and many people use it to reach the airport. The situation has irked the residents and they want the work to be completed soon.

Rajeev K, another resident, said, "This road is quite a busy one. Some of them also use it to go to the airport and having it dug up like this will cause inconvenience to a lot of people. The residents should not be facing these kinds of issues even after paying taxes on time. Something must be done soon to get a solution for this problem."

According to Sameer K, another residen, the residents have no idea of how long it will take the BBMP officials to finish the work.

"If they have started something it is their responsibility to finish it. However, they are not doing anything about it. It has been left like this for days and there is no one to answer how long it will take to finish the work," he said.

Other residents added that using a car through that road is quite difficult.

"Because of the road being dug up, the space there has reduced, and if too many cars are using that road then it would end up in congestion and people will get stuck for a long time," said Ashok Nandan, another resident. Meanwhile, a BBMP official said, "We will try to finish the work as soon as possible."

DID YOU KNOW?

Krumbigal Road in Bengaluru was named after Gustav Hermann Krumbiegel. He was a German botanist who is popularly known to have designed Lalbagh Botanical Gardens in Bengaluru and Brindavan Gardens Park in Mysuru. In addition, he founded India's first horticultural training institution. It is said that he resided in Bengaluru until his passing in 1956. He served as a botanist and superintendent at Lalbagh, where he introduced a multitude of plant species. He also significantly contributed to the layout of Brindavan Gardens, which renovated Mughal-style gardening. Despite horticulture being his primary job, he often participated in architectural planning. The Krumbigal Road is connected to various roads in the city like Lalbagh Fort Road and RV Road.

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What are the three things that the budget missed this year?

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Firstly, the personal tax system has not been revised to incentivise savings, with no increase in the threshold under section 80C and no reduction in GST. Secondly, the Budget fails to tackle the problem of inflation. Thirdly, policies regarding climate change is lacking.

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The three things that are missing in the budget are scholarship to the children without any demand or on targets, special priorities to the BBMP parks, and importance to the road safety to avoid accidents.

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Budget failed in addressing fund allocation for cleaning lakes. There is a need for an increase in infrastructure allocation and for public transportation.

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The three things that make life so hard are not reducing the prices of petrol, diesel and cooking gas. These add up to the rise in cost of all essential items across the board that touch our daily life.

Balakrishna MR, BM Reader
This year's budget slashed the jewelleries, foreign cars, and PWD works as there is more profit than previous years. The government is profited in excise, income, and professional tax, etc. Anyway Government should be conscious about future profitability.

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Personal finance was missing out such as lower taxes and more savings, capital gain missing out and the last the big life insurance is now taxed.

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Uneasy nightmares on private bus journeys

Leaking ACs, delayed departures, abrupt stoppages and rude personnel — these are just some issues passengers face on super-costly private buses

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Passengers have to face sudden stoppages and long delays at times

Travellers using private buses to get in and out of the city are facing difficult situations and have multiple problems despite spending huge amounts on tickets.

In a recent incident, commuters in a private bus going to Hyderabad had to wait for hours because the bus did not have a proper FastTag. Karan K, a traveller on the bus, said, "The bus was going to Hyderabad from Bengaluru and right before crossing the Yelahanka toll gate, the bus driver realised that they did not have proper FastTag. He stopped the vehicle in the middle of the road. After asking so many times, they said that someone from Yelahanka would come and provide them with the FastTag. Because of this, we had to wait for hours on the road, that too at night. By the time everything was done, it was midnight."

The bus was supposed to reach Hyderabad at 8:30 am, however it was an hour late.

Karan said that he came back using the same travel agency's bus where he again had to face another unfortunate incident. He said, "When we reached here, as I was collecting my luggage, I saw that my luggage was wet and the people told me that it was water from the AC. My entire luggage was spoiled and even my clothes and shirts inside the bag were wet and stained."

> **They do not have the patience to listen to our complaints. We pay a lot of money but it is of no use as we do not get any facilities**
>
> –Aditya Sharma, bus passenger

Other passengers on private buses too revealed some issues they had to face. Isha Kashyap, who was on one such bus, said, "The bus was going to Chennai. However, the Air Conditioner of the bus was not working. After a while, each one of us started feeling quite hot. When we asked the people on the bus, they kept on saying that the problem will be solved in some time."

The situation persisted for hours, she said. "And because the windows and doors were shut, we all started feeling very suffocated and were sweating profusely. After some time, we had to open the windows and only then the situation became a little better. However, the worst part is that the driver had no regrets and was saying openly that the problem cannot be solved now, we will travel like this only," she said.

Aditya Sharma, another passenger, said the customer service of private buses is bad. "They do not have the patience to listen to our complaints. We pay a lot of money but it is of no use because we do not get any proper facilities in these private buses despite doing all of that."

Lioness dies in Bannerghatta

Bannerghatta Biological Park lost a lioness to congenital neurological disease on Saturday. Nandini, the two-year-old lioness, was born to Sania and Rama. She had been suffering from congenital neurological disease since birth, but managed to survive for two years. Postmortem lesions included brain congestion and pneumonia. **–BMB**

Man's Hampi jig lands him in soup

#VIJAYANAGARA

A youth was arrested for dancing on the UNESCO World Heritage site Hampi in this district on Saturday.

Deepak Gowda, a resident of Kalenahalli near Pandavapura town in Mandya district was arrested for dancing on the heritage site for making a dance reel.

According to police, the accused during his recent visit to Hampi, had videographed himself dancing on the monuments of Jain temple and surrounding areas.

He had uploaded the videos on his Instagram account. Indian Archeological Department Assistant Conservator MC Sunil Kumar had lodged a complaint with the police on February 28. The sleuths of Hampi Pravasi Police station had tracked him and arrested him. Vijayanagar District Commissioner T Venkatesh had directed the officials to take the matter seriously. **–IANS**

Forest watcher dies in wild elephant attack

#MYSURU

A forest watcher has been killed in Mysuru after he was attacked by a wild elephant while he was on patrolling duty, an official said on Saturday. The incident took place in Kalkere forest area in the limits of Bandipur National Park.

Bomma was attacked him while he was on patrolling duty along with his colleague Madhu K. Officials said the elephant wrapped Bomma in its trunk and threw him into a gorge.

Bomma managed to inform the forest authorities about the attack and was rushed to the hospital, but he died on the way. **IANS**

BMTC's fuel outlet plans on track

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation has issued tenders to go ahead with setting up fuel retail outlets as alternative non-fare revenue sources. Tenders have been issued for running fuel retail outlets at 24 locations.

BMTC has issued tender for Installation and Commissioning of Retail Fuel Outlets by Public/Private Sector undertaking oil companies on payment of monthly license fee and commission on sale of fuel and non fuel products in BMTC land.

BMTC intends to develop its land by setting up the outlets to generate commercial revenues for an agreement period of 15 Years from the date of signing of agreement, of which nine months will be the gestation period. They will be given six months to get an NOC and three months for erection/installation of fuel outlets.

The licence fee (land rent) will be enhanced by 5% every year over that of the previous year from the second year onwards. The selected bidder must operate the fuel station on COCO Model (Company Owned Company Operated).

The bidder cannot construct, remove or modify any of the facilities on the premises without the prior written approval of the BMTC.

The fuel retail outlets are likely to come up at bus depots at Jayanagar, Kathriguppe, Deepanjalinagar, Shanthinagar, Indiranagar, Subhashnagar, Peenya, Dooravani Nagar, KR Puram, Jigani, Bidadi, Chikkanagamangala, Kodathi, Anjanapur and vacant land at Kengeri, Nagarbhavi,

Bettahalli, Dasanapura, Bidadi, Hancharahalli, Kannuru, Kurubarahalli, Madappanahalli

Manduru, Puttenahalli and others.

Space for the other facilities like Automated Teller Machine (ATM), Public Call Office (PCO), Internet Centre, and any other commercial activities will be allowed to up to 25% of allotted area.

– Melvin Mathew

Fuel outlets at 24 locations to the rescue?

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Petrol pumps to help rake in the moolah

BMTC, KSRTC plan to set up petrol pumps on their depots to bring in more revenue

BM had reported on Feb 22 about BMTC's plan to generate non-fare revenue

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Chasing pensions in Bengaluru slums

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I do not know why. I am struggling to meet my daily needs. The government should release my pension and support us," Sampath Kumari, a resident of MCT Colony in ward no. 157, said. Seventy-five-year-old Kalai Peru from Bakshi Garden slum located in ward no.139 said: "I have no idea how to take care of myself. My pension has stopped for the last five months. I have no money to buy food. I only eat if someone from the slum offers. At this old age I don't have the strength to run around and ask for my pension. We need the government to meet our needs and help us."

Seventy-year-old Mallika lives in Ramanna Garden of Sudama Nagar (ward no. 118),. She told BM that she was living alone. She's been suffering from liver disease. She has not been getting a pension for the last two months. She depends on neighbours for her meals. She has also taken a loan to manage her medical support; she has no idea how she will pay back the loan.

Action Aid India submitted a memorandum to the government that highlights these issues and requested to make alternative arrangements or methods to help the persons concerned and make the pensions disbursal process easier.

Flyover deadline pushed

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unavoidable circumstances have led to this delay," said BS Prahalad, chief engineer of BBMP road infrastructure division.

Prahalad told BM that the delay is mostly due to a recent surge in vehicular traffic in the area. The traffic towards this part of the city (Yelahanka) has increased manifold over the last few months.

"Increase in vehicular traffic has created a time lag in our project plan. There are additional 20 lakh vehicles plying on city roads over the last year and its impact is visible in this part of the city too. As a result, we have not been able to barricade the entire section of the road at once and were forced to provide intermittent traffic passage permission. However, all the pillars are already raised and the casting process has begun; girders will be placed soon. We will go ahead with the ramp portion soon after. We are trying to push through the process faster," Prahalad said.

BM had earlier reported that the slow pace of work on the flyover has irked residents and commuters in the area. While the project was announced much before and work began in January 2022, the foundation work was still on in July last year. This had left many fretting over a delay in the project leading to extended traffic woes. Commuters said another year of traffic jams at the signal is not the news they were hoping for.

"It has been more than a year since the work began; we have been facing traffic issues since then. In the last couple of months, it worsened and we have been left with no other option but to use longer routes to reach workplaces to avoid the signal. The fact that the construction will take another year or so to complete is bad news," said Rakshita R, a commuter.

Some said although traffic snarls have become longer and a common sight at the junction, since the route is still the fastest and prime access to various offices located on the International Airport Road towards Hebbal, they end up using it anyway.

The flyover, once completed, will link four traffic junctions: Yelahanka Police Station, Seshadripuram First Grade College Junction, NES Circle, and Sandeep Unnikrishnan Circle. Moreover, the 1.8 km stretch will give its users signal-free passage too.

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It's a Holi feeling!

Treat your loved ones to a full course meal with these yummy dishes that are healthy too

KESAR PISTA KULFI

Is any Holi meal even complete without kulfi?

INGREDIENTS
- 2 cups tender coconut cream
- 5 tbsp date paste
- 2-3 tbsp Finely chopped almonds roasted
- 2-3 tbsp Finely chopped pistachio roasted
- Few strands of saffron (kesar)
- 1 tsp elaichi powder (cardamom)

METHOD
- Blend all ingredients except nuts in a high-speed blender.
- Mix in the nuts with a spatula.
- Pour the mixture in an ice tray and set in the freezer for few hours.
- Demould and serve.

Prep Time: 20 mins
Cooking Time: 10
Serves 2

METHI MATAR MALAI

A classic favourite for Holi, this dish is luxury on a plate

INGREDIENTS
- 1/2 cup peas boiled
- 1/2 cup methi (fenugreek) leaves finely chopped
- 1/4 cup almond milk
- 2 tbsp cashew cream
- Salt and pepper to taste

For Garam Masala
- 1/2 stick cinnamon
- 1 big elaichi (cardamom)
- 2 cloves
- Roast and grind into masala

For Gravy
- 1 big onion (boil in water and remove)
- 1 tbsp khus khus (poppy seeds) – soak in 2 tbsp almond milk
- 1 tbsp cashews
- 3-4 cloves garlic
- 1/2 tsp minced ginger
- 1 green chilli finely chopped

METHOD
- Add all ingredients of the gravy into a blender and make a paste.
- Heat a kadhai, add this paste and cook on a low flame for few min.
- Add the freshly ground garam masala.
- Add methi leaves and saute for few min.
- Add cream and peas and boil for 2-3 min.
- Add milk and salt and pepper, boil for a while and serve hot.

Prep Time: 20 mins
Cooking Time: 10
Serves 2

CHANA PULAO

Chana is known for its many nutritional benefits and this dish is a tasty invention using it

INGREDIENTS
- 1 cup brown rice washed and soaked in water for 10 min
- 1 cup kala chana washed and soaked in water overnight or 6 hours
- 1 onion sliced
- 1 tomato sliced
- 2 green chili slit
- 1 tbsp ginger garlic paste
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 2 cardamom
- 4 cloves
- 1 tsp cumin seeds
- 1 tsp red chili powder
- 1 tsp garam masala
- 1 tsp fennel powder
- 1 cup peanut curd
- 2 cups water (use leftover water of cooked chana too)
- Mint leaves to garnish
- Salt to taste

METHOD
- Pressure cook the kala chana with 2 cups of water and salt and set aside.
- In a pan, dry roast the whole spices.
- Add the cumin seeds and let it splutter.
- Add the sliced onion till they turn brown and then add the tomatoes.
- Next add the green chilli, ginger garlic paste and saute for 2 min.
- Add the peanut curd into the pan and mix well.
- Add all the powders and saute for few min.
- Add the boiled kala chana and season with salt and mix well.
- Now add the soaked brown rice and 2 cups water including the water from the boiled kala chana.
- Close it with a lid and let it simmer for about 20 min.
- Once the pulao is cooked, mix in the kala chana, garnish with mint leaves and serve.

Prep Time: 20 mins
Cooking Time: 15
Serves 4

By Nidhi Nahata, Founder of Justbe Resto Cafe, Food Therapist, Certified Psychiatrist, Certified Sound Healer

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FILM

'Hopeless': Sara on her weight loss journey

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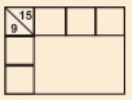
1 Should I use a condom for first time sex? We both are virgins. Someone told me without condom it will be easier to penetrate hymen...
Using a condom is recommended if you wish to prevent yourself from STIs and unplanned pregnancies. Penetration is certainly possible with the condom- lubrication on the condoms can make penetration easier and smoother. Whether you are a virgin or not, using the condom helps ease fear as you know that you are protected. Also- there is no reliable way to know if the hymen is torn or not-furthermore hymen is not an indicator of virginity. If you like this person & there is mutual consent to engage sexually- you should not get worried about virginity status.

2 No sperm comes from my penis though I am 17...
Do not worry- it is possible that sexual development happens at different paces for different people. Sperm coming out i.e. ejaculation on stimulation is a sign of sexual maturity, it is possible your sexual development is not yet complete. But, if you feel you're sexually mature except this one issue- you may find it helpful to see an andrologist or sexologist. They will do a full evaluation of your concern.

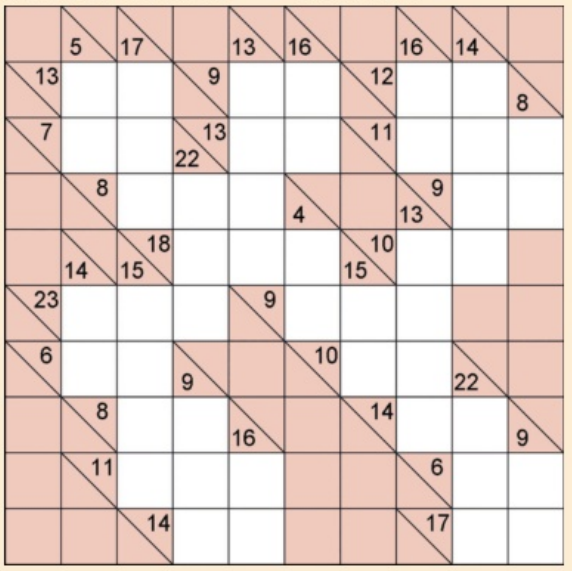
Ask anonymously or read more allo.health/ask

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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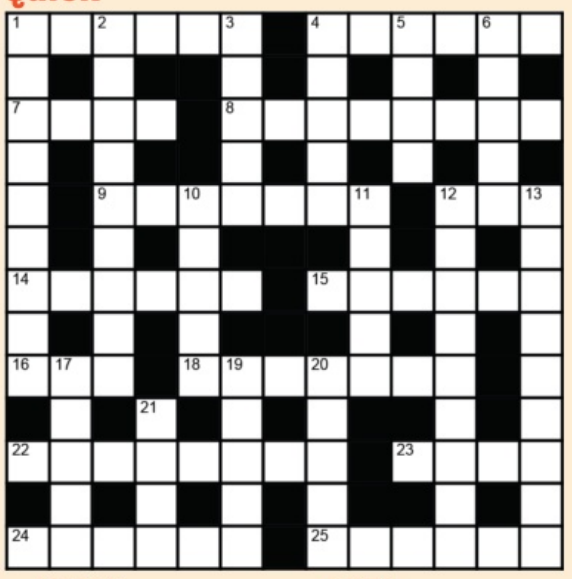

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1 Copies or imitates on the stage (6)
4 Karnataka Lake home to a bird sanctuary (6)
7 Require (4)
8 Making available (8)
9 Experiences pain or aches (7)
12 Like suffix (3)
14 Yell in terror (6)
15 Correct and befitting (6)
16 Resistance unit (3)
18 Master of ceremonies (7)
22 The Karate sticks? (8)
23 Ms Deol or Ms Gupta of Bollywood (4)
24 Noxious emanation (6)
25 Quantity wrapped for carrying (6)

DOWN

1 Proclamation (9)
2 Huge whirlpool (9)
3 Parody (5)
4 Achieve success (2,3)
5 Mend socks (4)
6 The evening star (5)
10 Former monetary unit of France (5)
11 Wait on (5)
12 Moved, affected (9)
13 Tropical cyclone (9)
17 Nymph of Moslem paradise (5)
19 City in Japan (5)
20 Level, true (5)
21 Hotshots (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Q EQUALS G

JM JR T HWFRRJSQ MV GJF DVX T KTZRF, HFKTZRF UVZ KTS RV FTRJWU GJF DVX SVMOJSQ.

Linemaro

I am amazed how you are mentally two steps ahead of everyone I know

Mindchow

At first dreams seem impossible, then improbable, and eventually inevitable

Joke of the day

Good: You give the birds and bees speech to your daughter. Bad: She keeps interrupting. Worse: With corrections

Loop

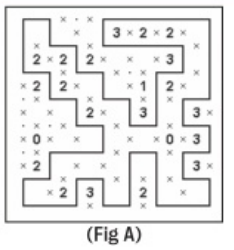
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

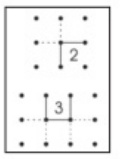
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

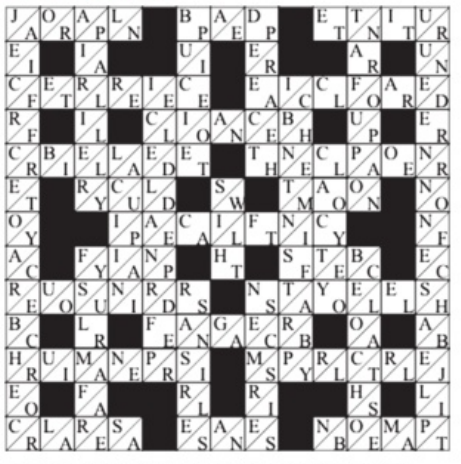


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

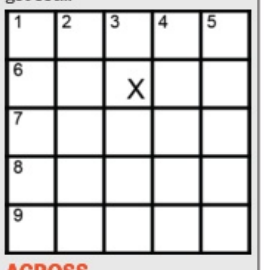
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Samoa; 6 Sec ox; 7 Is col; 8 Nu Ale; 9 Girth

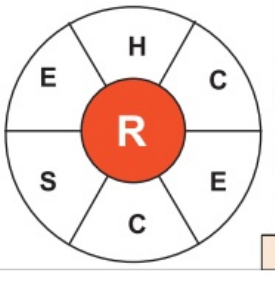
DOWN

1 Cur Co; 2 I loom; 3 Gin Ax; 4 Shale; 5 Tessa

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

1		1			2	3	2
	4			2			3
2		2			2		2
	4			2			3
	3	5	3			4	3
	3		3		3	?	
1			2		3		2
		1				2	



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

8	2		3		9			
	4		7			6		
				6				9
	3	8	1		4	5		
6								3
		4	6		7	2	1	
9				1				
		7			3		5	
			8		2		9	6

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 2

3 3 6 8

Medium = 15

2 4 5 5

Hard = 54

7 8 9 7

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

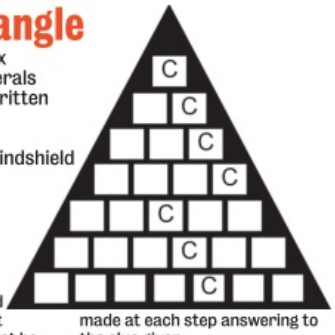
Differences: 1. List is longer. 2. Star is different. 3. Doorway is narrower. 4. Button is added to coat. 5. Ornament is moved. 6. Box woman is holding is smaller.

Riddler

Starting with I add a letter and shuffle to make a new word each time and continue until you reach DRAINAGE.

Alpha triangle

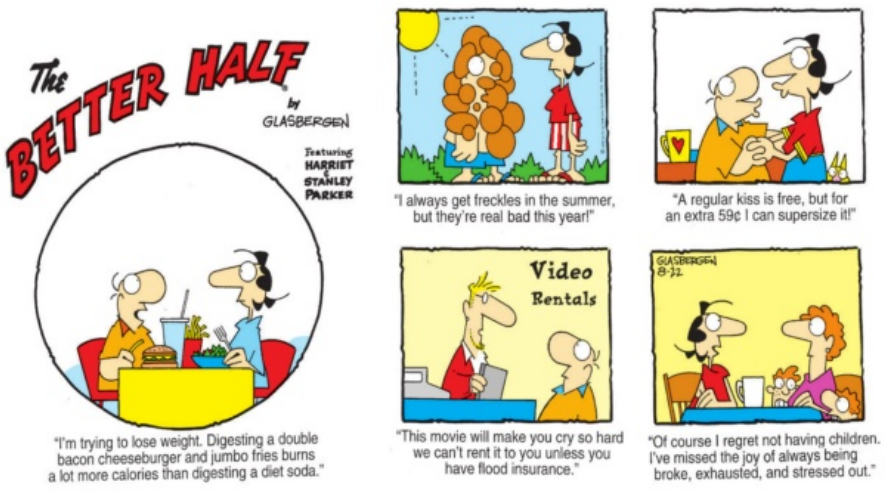
1 Atomic number Six
2 99 in Roman numerals
3 Intentionally so written
4 The Din DJ
5 Chops into cubes
6 Clears a wintry windshield
7 Gadgets



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS


The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
"I'm trying to lose weight. Digesting a double bacon cheeseburger and jumbo fries burns a lot more calories than digesting a diet soda."
"I always get freckles in the summer, but they're real bad this year!"
"A regular kiss is free, but for an extra 59¢ I can supersize it!"
Video Rentals
"This movie will make you cry so hard we can't rent it to you unless you have flood insurance."
GLASBERGEN 8-22
"Of course I regret not having children. I've missed the joy of always being broke, exhausted, and stressed out."

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
STAN LEE
CAN A NORMAL COLLEGE STUDENT COPE WITH SUPER POWER AND A SECRET IDENTITY, OR--MUST DISASTER FOLLOW?
THE EXTERIOR OF METRO GENERAL, NEW YORK CITY...
14TH FLOOR, HERE I COME!
I WONDER IF HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS ARE SUPERSTITIOUS?
IN OTHER WORDS--DOES THIS PLACE HAVE A 13TH FLOOR?
IT MUST--'CAUSE I JUST FINISHED COUNTING TO "14"...
STAN LEE 10-16 SAVIUK/DINNOFF
AND, LAST TIME I LOOKED, MOST HOSPITAL FLOORS DON'T HAVE COPS STANDING GUARD!
I'LL JUST FORCE OPEN THIS WINDOW, AND SNEAK A PEEK AT--
WHOA!
SPIDER OF FLESH- FIST OF IRON!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, until evening, you may be impatient. You may have a lack of confidence, which may reflect into your way of working. Your parent's health can make you upset. Your children's notorious behaviour can also make you upset. You should try to focus your energy on yourself. Investments in risky assets are advised to be avoided now.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may be happy. You are likely to plan for an overseas work-related trip. This will grow your business in the near future. Spending money on luxury items may improve your lifestyle. However, you are advised not to drive yourself towards glamour or addictions. It may affect your financial health.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are advised to control your way of speaking. Your harsh tone may affect your family harmony. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying some worthless items to maintain your social status. It is advised to not keep your money loose in the pocket.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be busy with your kids' career or extra-curricular activities. You may take some advice from someone for choosing your career. You can also meet consultants or specialists. You may hear some good news regarding your kids' results. You may also invest some capital in your family business.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you must control your way of speaking. Be careful in terms of hidden enemies and opponents. You may be a victim of conspiracy. It is advised to avoid investments in risky assets. You must avoid lending money to anyone as it may not be recovered easily. It is advised to do meditation and yoga to come out from stress. Lovebirds are advised to avoid controversies. Students are advised to work hard.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today job seekers may get a new job. There are chances of promotions in your current job. In business, you may get new clients, which will be helpful for growth in terms of profits. Singles are likely to find a good match. In your domestic life, you must avoid hiding anything from your spouse, otherwise it will create some distance in your relationship.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today is a day of success in terms of your profession. Your plans are now going to give positive results in terms of profits. There may be good news related to past investments. Your creativity may help you improve your professional skills. Job seekers are likely to find a suitable job. Students may have good focus after self analysis. You may be able to understand the feelings of your spouse.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today until afternoon, you may be upset. Afternoon onwards, your elders' blessings may protect you from a messy situation. Your willpower will help you complete your delayed projects. It is advised to avoid arguments in your domestic life. By evening, you may see gains in terms of past investments.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today your moon is not positive. There are chances that you may not feel well. You might have health issues. You are advised not to make investments in new business projects, otherwise you may face losses. Students are advised to avoid fantasy and should work hard in their studies. You must avoid rash driving.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may have mental peace. You are likely to be busy with friends and family. You may enjoy your domestic life. It may increase understanding with your spouse. There is a new partnership in your business. New innovations may help your business grow. Disputes in partnerships may be resolved now.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today your good health can make you happy. Your health-related issues are likely to be resolved. You may control worthless expenditures and new sources of income are likely to be opened, which may boost your financial health. Singles may find their soulmate in the same community.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today your moon is positive. You may have some sort of energy. You may be able to perform efficiently at work. You may also help needy people, which may build your prestige among people around you. You may spend your time studying intellectual topics. You may also plan for higher studies to groom your career.

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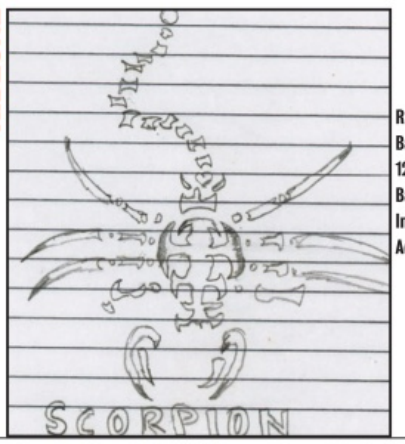
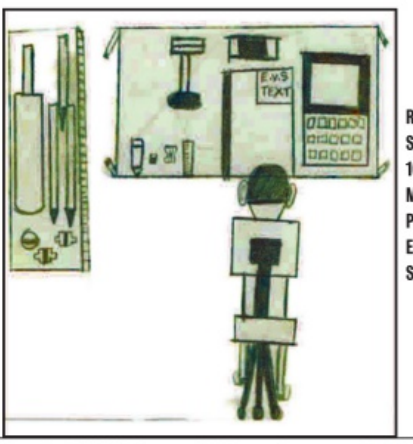


R Charan Babu, 12 Years, Bangalore International Academy



Ravi Sankar, 10 Years, Modern Public English School

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
$\sqrt{(4\sqrt{5}+4\sqrt{3})(2\sqrt{5}-2\sqrt{3})}$
$\sqrt{(40+8\sqrt{15}-24-8\sqrt{15})}$
$\sqrt{(40-24)} = \sqrt{16} = 4$

FAST FIVE

O	M	A	S	A
C	O	X	E	S
C	O	I	L	S
U	L	N	A	E
R	I	G	H	T

RIDDLER
One solution is:
I, IN, OIN, RIND, NADIR, DARING, READING< DRAINAGE

BULL'S EYE
cheer, here, SCREECH, seer, sheer

STRIKE OUT

R	A	R	A	S	A	S	B	O	A	T				
E	A		L		I		H		L					
H	U	M	E	R	I		M	Y	R	T	L	E		
C	L		E	A	G	E	R		O		B			
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J	O	A	N		P	A	P		E	T	T	U		

QUICK

M	I	A	S	M	A		B	U	N	O	L	E		
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A		A		P		O		A		E				
M	I	M	I	C	S		G	U	D	A	V	I		

MENSA PUZZLE
5: each number represents the number of times that a number is adjacent to it, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally

QUOTE UNCODE
It is a blessing to die for a cause, because you can so easily die for nothing.

SUDOKU

8	2	6	3	5	9	4	7	1
3	4	9	7	2	1	6	8	5
7	1	5	4	6	8	3	2	9
2	3	8	1	9	4	5	6	7
6	7	1	2	8	5	9	4	3
5	9	4	6	3	7	2	1	8
1	6	7	9	4	3	8	5	2
9	8	2	5	1	6	7	3	4
4	5	3	8	7	2	1	9	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
C, IC, SIC, DISC, DICES, DEICES.

LOOP

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 – 3 + 3 – 6 = 2
Medium
5 x 4 / 2 + 5 = 15
Hard
7 – 8 + 7 x 9 = 54

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Actor Tom Sizemore passes away
Known for his work in hit films like 'Saving Private Ryan', 'Natural Born Killers' and 'Heat', Tom Sizemore has passed away. The actor was hospitalized after suffering a brain aneurysm in mid-February

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A word of advice

Sush says it was her active lifestyle that saved her life

Despite being down with a sore throat, Sushmita Sen decided to interact with her fans who were shocked with the news of her recent heart attack. The actress underwent angioplasty at a hospital in Mumbai and is now recovering at home.

Asking her followers to not shun the gym, Sushmita said, "I know a lot of you will stop going to the gym and say, 'it did not help her', but that is not good. It did help me. I survived a very big heart attack. It was massive with 95 percent blockage in the main artery, I survived because I have kept an active lifestyle. I believe that for what it is worth, it was a phase and it passed. I am very lucky to be on the other side. It doesn't put fear in me, instead I now have a feeling of promise to look forward to something."

Asking her fans to be careful, the actress added, "A lot of young people are not surviving heart attacks, so it is very important to keep checking yourself. Women need to understand that heart attacks are not a men's thing. Also, it is nothing to be afraid of, but it is important to be vigilant. When you get a new lease to life, you respect it and are careful and that is when you learn to exercise and strengthen your will even more."

She went on to thank her army of doctors, family members, the makers of her web show 'Aarya' and may others. —ETimes

'Hopeless': Sara on her weight loss journey

Saif Ali Khan and Amrita Singh's daughter Sara Ali Khan marked a promising entry in Bollywood with 'Kedarnath' and 'Simmba' in 2018.

Sara recently opened up about her weight loss, and how concerned her mother used to be about her health back when her weight was hovering around 90 kgs.

Sara revealed that she was 'hopeless' at the time. She shared that her mother, Amrita Singh, was so concerned about her health. She told Sara, 'It kills me to see you not care about yourself'.

Speaking about her mother Amrita Singh, Sara shared that she is the coolest woman ever. She's the epitome of strength. She is as strong and fierce as she is extremely soft. She lives only for me and Ibrahim. Her purpose in life is for me and Ibrahim to be happy. She doesn't give a damn about anything.

On the work front, Sara is currently shooting for a film with Tiger Shroff which is reportedly titled 'Mission Eagle'. The actress has also begun work on her next with Homi Adajania, which is titled, 'Murder Mubarak'. —ETimes

Exciting time'

It is an exciting time for female artists in cinema, believes actor Huma Qureshi, who says there has been an interesting "shift" in the way storytellers are approaching women characters on screen. According to Huma, female actors are now keen on playing well-rounded characters.

"In the recent years, we are seeing more such (women centric) films, the new term is female-led films. For me, it is not the female-led films that are creating a sense of empowerment. Today, when I read a script, the character of the girl is not just contributing towards the hero's journey or is not someone waiting for the war hero to return home. "Rather, we think why can't a girl go on the border? So, that shift in the way we are approaching stories, storytelling has come about. There are many other colleagues of mine, who are saying give us more to do," the 36-year-old actor said here on Friday.

She was speaking at a panel discussion held recently. —PTI

Corrupt netas' tale

PRAJARAJYA
3.0 RATING ★★★☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** Vijay Bhargav
- **ACTORS** Devaraj, Achyuth Kumar, Dr Varadaraju DN, Vijay Bhargav, T S Nagabharana, Sudharani
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **Duration** 148 minutes

The movie Prajarajya is about the importance of voters exercising their franchise to elect the right people for good governance. The movie begins with the camera focusing on Universal Metal Industries where Arjun (Vijay Bhargav), the son of Muniyappa (TS Nagabharana), Bheema Rao (Achyuth Kumar), Dharmendra (Dr Varadaraju DN) and others are employed. A financial institution seizes the Universal Metal Industries for not repaying the loan. As expected, workers stage a protest and police arrest them.

At this juncture, the director introduces a flash back narrating how Muniyappa, who owns one acre of land, sends his son Arjun to Bengaluru to earn money and how Dharmendra happened to face the apathy of private hospitals and how his colleague struggled to pay the school fee for his daughter.

Meanwhile, Jaya Prakash aka JP (Devaraj), a social activist, walks out of prison after serving his prison term.

Vagdhevi (Sudharani), an advocate, arranges a meeting for Arjun, Dharmendra, Bheema Rao and others with JP. Initially, JP refuses to lead them but they succeed in convincing him. What happens to them and JP is what Prajarajya is about.

The problem with this movie is that its narration gains momentum only in the post-intermission session. Veteran actor-cum-director TS Nagabharana appears in a few scenes. He plays a farmer who ends life by suicide after losing his agricultural land to a private financier. It conveys a wrong message to society. Another veteran actor Devaraj appears in the second half. Dr Varadaraju DN, who has bankrolled this movie, gets the maximum scope to showcase his dialogue delivery and acting skills. Dr Varadaraju also wrote the script, dialogues and screenplay for this movie. Vijay Bhargava, who plays the son of a farmer apart from handling the megaphone, looks tired. Sudharani, Achyuth Kumar, Tabala Nani provide good support.

Songs, especially the song sung by Real Star Upendra and chorus, are good. It conveys a message to gullible voters how they are cheated by greedy and corrupt politicians.

It is worth a watch for those who want to know how politicians cheat voters in rural areas.

—Y Maheswara Reddy